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A friend of ours in London tells us of a friend of *his*—a youngish matron who was lately lunching with a gentleman she had encountered, as the British put it, “in trade.”

Among a number of other things (British luncheons are of interminable length) the gentleman remarked to our lady that he liked her because she was so unsophisticated.

Much later, in her London flat, the lady got to thinking about that remark. She wasn't quite sure whether she was pleased or a trifle miffed. As an experiment, she asked her son, aged 10, to give his interpretation of “sophisticated.”

The lad prudently put in a plea for more time to meditate. But the next morning, before leaving for school, he presented his mother with a folded sheet of ruled note paper. She opened it and read:

“Serfisticated is a woman with green eyelids and a dress without any straps that stays up all night.”

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With examples of “togetherness” being viewed as favorable portents by our sociological searchers, we are glad to rep't that 2 bro's who have been apart since pre-Civil War days, are about to be reunited. Our reference is to the Smith boys—Trade

and Mark, who have been separated by the length of a cough drop pkg for these 112 yrs. Now, in the new assortment of fruit cough drops, they are pictured side by side.

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We have just learned of the distressing plight of the designer of a rather elaborate shopping center in Lancaster, Pa. This lad is quite literally getting the horse laugh on his well intentioned but obviously inadequate efforts.

Lancaster, it will be recalled, is in the heart of the Amish country. These gentle folk have no truck with trucks—or with any other motorized modes of transportation. Overlooking this fact, our designer friend had neglected to make provision for hitching posts!

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An Episcopal minister who keeps us apprised of matters ecclesiastic has lately ret'd from Miami Beach, Fla, where his denomination held a conference. He tells us the hotel management finally was driven to put this notice on the bulletin bd:

“Reverend Gentlemen: We know you aren't concerned with material things, but please remove money from your pockets before sending suits to be cleaned. The Valet Dep't already has found \$800.”

may we QUOTE you on that?



[1] Rep MELVIN PRICE (D-Ill) chmn, Joint Congressional Atomic Research subcommittee: "The time has come to make an immediate clear-cut decision on how soon the U S will be flying a nuclear-powered airplane. The nation can ill afford further delay and indecision." . . . [2] Soviet Premier NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, on the Berlin situation: "We want a peaceful solution and we would like to discuss things at a round table. We would like to drink toasts again with our wartime allies." . . . [3] Sen HUBERT HUMPHREY (D-Minn) speaking after an 8-hr talk in Moscow with Premier Khrushchev: "The situation in Berlin is fraught with danger—plenty of danger. But the U S has a commitment there and we will keep it." . . . [4] ADLAI STEVENSON, on the political situation: "As for 1960, my position is what it has always been; I am not and will not be a candidate." . . . [5] Fire Commissioner ROB'T J QUINN, of Chicago, assessing at \$50,000 damage to Our Lady of Angels grade school, recent site of 3rd worst school fire in U S history: "But what does that figure mean in the face of this tragedy?" . . . [6] Spokesman for State Purchasing Agents in convention at Miami, Fla: "Service, not styling, is what state agencies need in transportation. To get more value for the taxpayers' money, we want to buy cars without all those shiny gimmicks." . . . [7] From a statement signed by a majority of professors at Emory Univ, Methodist

co-educational liberal arts school at Atlanta, Ga: "To close the schools in any city, county, state or region in America at this critical stage of world history is to play directly into the hands of communism." . . . [8] Rep WILBUR D MILLS (D-Ark) chmn, House Ways & Means Committee (the group originating all Fed'l tax legislation) in a speech before the Tax Foundation: "The Fed'l revenue system cannot stand the strain of continued red-ink spending without serious injury to the economy. I foresee changes in the income tax to raise added revenue made necessary by an inexorable rise in gov't spending." . . . [9] S L CURLETT, Los Angeles, head of Nat'l Swimming Pool Inst: "The nation's swimming-pool count will rise from the present 175,000 to 52 million by 1982. The backyd pool will become as much of an accessory to American family life as the auto, television and automatic washer." . . . [10] EZRA TAFT BENSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, addressing Internat'l Livestock Exposition: "We need to get rid of every unnecessary control and take the shackles off our farmers' efficiency. Farm products are meant to go to mkt, and a gov't warehouse is not a mkt."

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Recent headlines intimating Russia's possession of a practical atom-powered plane (an estimated 4 yrs ahead of U S) will virtually doom any remnant of support for Pres Eisenhower's economy program.

Even before this disclosure the President's efforts to trim the Defense budget were meeting with strong resistance. Now there will be the usual clamor from those whose instinctive reaction to any dramatic Soviet move is a plea to step up spending.

This latest bulletin from Moscow was hardly needed to start a stampede toward more Fed'l spending—a stampede, incidentally, that is not being manned exclusively by the President's political opponents. The simple truth is that, at the moment, "Economy" as a rallying issue presents about as much lure to the gen'l populace as would a proposal to provide hula hoops for Hottentots.

This state of affairs, it may be



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noted, brings something of a dilemma to Vice Pres Nixon. Looking toward the '60 nomination, the question now arises as to whether he should seek to further the Eisenhower economy proposals, or in effect support the move toward more Fed'l spending. A factor not to be lost sight of in this decision is, to be sure, the emerging glamor boy of the Republican ranks, Nelson Rockefeller.

The N Y governor-elect is yet to be tested in the area of practical politics, but in his philosophy of public spending he probably is closer to the Democrats than to conservative Republicans.

It should not be inferred from our remarks on the current unpopularity of the President's position that he is completely powerless. He has, of course, the veto power and doubtless will exercise it against spending programs that go substantially beyond the limits he will propose in his forthcoming messages to Congress.

Marvin Monroe

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



ACHIEVEMENT—1

Any man will work much harder and more imaginatively to achieve a goal he has set for himself than to meet any standard of performance imposed on him from the outside.—DR ADDISON M DUVAL, *Toastmaster*.

AGE—2

Adults are not wiser than children; they are simply more cunning.—A S NEILL, psychologist and educator, quoted by ROSA VERMONTE, "In Defense of the Young," *Recreation*, 11-'58.

AMERICA—Production—3

"I never sit down to one of our holiday feasts without wishing there was some way of sharing it with starving people in Asia," said my beloved Christine. What this world needs is not more satellites, but better earth-bound distribution of the things we Americans produce. — BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

AUTOMATION—4

Far from throwing men out of work, automation is our main hope today in some industrial areas for keeping men employed at high wages. Without the use of cost-cutting automation we have little hope of controlling or lowering final costs to a point where more people

can buy the products we make. Correctly applied, automation enables us to absorb the cost of our vastly increased production capacity without reducing wages.—CHES-TER S JOHNS, Buhr Machine Tool Co, *Automation*.

BEHAVIOR—5

The secret ballots of our minds show in emergencies. Prof Peabody of Harvard was wont to say that what we do in crises is the result of what we have been thinking in the uneventful days preceding.—RALPH W SOCKMAN, "Our Secret Ballots," *Arkansas Methodist*, 11-6-'58.

BUSINESS—6

The modern American businessman is less interested in carving out a monopolistic empire than in being one up on the competition.—*Forbes*.

CASH—Credit—7

An old-timer says his car doesn't have air suspension, no push button driving, dual headlights, tail fins, power brakes, power steering, electrically operated windows or swivel front seats. But it is paid for.—*Arcadia (Wis) News-Leader*.

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By Les & Liz
Carpenter



Labor leader John L Lewis can no longer say—as he once did—that John Nance Garner, 2-term Vice Pres, is a “whisky-drinking, cigar-smoking, evil old man.” Garner, who celebrated his 90th b'day Nov 22, wrote a Washington friend that he gave up both cigars and whisky (his favorite: sour mash bourbon) in Oct, when doctors told him he'd better do so.

When Garner retired as Vice Pres in Jan, '41, he stated that his ambition was to live to be 92, so he could say he'd spent half his life out of public service. He still clings to that ambition. Garner held office consistently for 46 yrs.

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Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B Johnson, of the Lone Star State, recently aimed a Texas-sized harpoon at Alaskan braggadocio. “My state,” he said, “is the biggest south of the North Pole.”

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More than 500 men and women on the staffs of House and Senate mbrs defeated, or who didn't seek re-election, are now trying to find new jobs. The election marked biggest turnover in Congressional secretaries in history. It resulted in the largest change in Congressional mbrship in a single election since '36. But House and Senate mbrs didn't have as many office assistants 22 yrs ago as they now have.

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CHRISTMAS—8

“Sure, I'm for modernizing Christmas,” neighbor Helen Carter told her club friends, “just as I am for modernizing motherhood. We can re-dress the exterior, as long as we cherish the fundamental idea. But we'll take the magic out of both if we act too casual, too factual, or too sophisticated about it.”—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

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Christmas is a time for melody and memories, perhaps with a minor note of sadness, like poetry. No one can interpret the meaning of either for anyone else.—RUTH W STEVENS, “Don't You Hear Them Bells?” *Music Jnl*, 11/12-'58.

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This is the time of yr when every contract between child and parent has a Santa clause in it.—*Woodmen of the World Mag*.

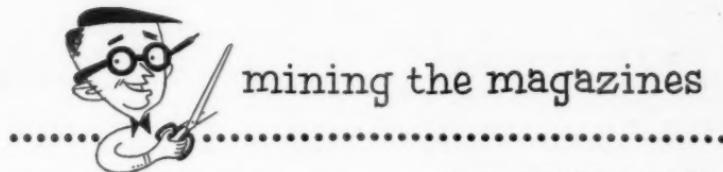
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When we were tiny, Christmas was shiny lights, glittering colors, and exciting big folks' noises. When we were small, Christmas meant toys, the pleasure of being stuffed with all the good things known to us, and complete satisfaction with our world. As we grow older, we begin to understand the miracle that Christmas brings. At least this once, each yr, we know the human spirit does show brotherhood, the human heart does hold compassion, and the human mind does believe that we have “Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men.”

—Davidson Corp'n.

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The best Christmas gift of all—the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.—*Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n.



In *Rotarian* (Nov) Rob't L Garner, pres, Internat'l Finance Corp'n, discusses private internat'l investment, terming it "the dynamo for underdeveloped countries."

We are all familiar with the charge that private investment abroad is solely concerned with taking treasures out of the ground in underdeveloped countries for the benefit of the industrial countries. Mr Garner emphasizes the other side of the story: the benefits which such investment brings to the underdeveloped world. "Private investment," he says, "is the tried and true way of carrying the Industrial Age into the frontiers."

In *Travel* (Nov) Evan Atkinson writes an uncommonly candid report on the advantages and disadvantages of retiring in Mexico.

There has been a lot of talk about this low-cost paradise. Most of it is true enough, according to the author, but the prospective *gringo* needs a few simple facts before jumping to conclusions. For example, you can rent a house for \$10 a month—but it will lack both running water and electricity. (This is a good antidote for the abundant milk-and-honey publicity you may have been reading.)

In a hilariously-titled, but basically serious discussion ("Don't Give Grandma Roller Skates!") Halford E Luccock takes up in *Christian Herald* (Dec) the matter of a Christmas gift for your church.

The girl who knows all the answers has very often misunderstood the questions.—*Femina & Woman's Life*, Johannesburg, S Africa.

Those to whom the idea appeals will find practical suggestions.

"Most Americans actually have to go out of their way to avoid being well nourished," asserts Jos N Bell, writing in *Today's Health*. Bell writes critically of the food-supplement vendors who try to convince the public that improper diet is responsible for most illness. Some of these "pitches" could be considered mildly amusing, except that collectively they defraud the public of millions of dollars annually. They are dangerous, too, in that they may divert attention from an illness that should be diagnosed and treated by a competent medical authority.

Edw Newman, editor of Britain's *Ideal Home Magazine*, has come up with a novel suggestion. It is his contention that customers at furniture stores should be permitted to change into pajamas or nightgowns in order to test bedroom products properly. "You cannot," says Newman, "test a bed properly if you are wearing day clothes and carrying a handbag or umbrella."

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CHRISTMAS—9

What would you say to a time of yr when grown-ups took children's toys away from them, played with them until they broke, then whipped the kids for smashing them? A day when impoverished taxpayers were forced to gorge relatives whom they hated with all sorts of expensive foods? When everybody exchanged worthless junk which they then had to drag downtown and persuade scowling clerks to take back? When cynical merchants ground every possible penny out of their customers so that they would all face bankruptcy on January 1? When supposedly respectable men put on red suits and false beards and went around fooling innocent children and kissing pretty girls?

What would you say, furthermore, if you were told that this was a description of Christmas? Well, you would denounce it as a Communist invention. Actually, this is Christmas as seen thru the jokes and cartoons that flourish in December of every yr.

Christmas humor is as standardized as the Scottie dog on the Christmas card. It centers around the father who monopolizes the electric train; the horrible cigars that mother gives dad and the washboard he retaliates with; the invasion by unloved relatives and the deluge of unexpected January bills.

We thought this might not be a bad yr to spare you these Christmas jokes and to point out that it takes a pretty wonderful day to have survived them.—*VFW Mag.*

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CHRISTMAS—Tree—10

And now a word about Christmas trees, which started in either Egypt or Germany, depending on whether you're talking to an Egyptian or a German.

Some Germans say *Der Tannenbaum* got under way at Strassburg in 1605. The Lutherans kind of imply that Martin L originated the tree earlier. Anyway, what's Christmas without a tree?

In the 10th century, some Arab kicked off the idea that trees and

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With the advent of a New Year we are reminded of an observation by THOMAS MANN in Magic Mountain (Knopf):

Time has no divisions to mark its passage; there is never a thunderstorm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins, it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols.

flowers blossomed at Christmas-time. Around 300 yrs later, the French contributed the notion that there should be candles on the tree as well as flowers. The English, as recently as 1752, turned out to watch the thornbush at Glastonbury bloom for Christmas and it didn't, so they changed their calendar, convinced that they must have assigned the holiday to the wrong or non-blossoming date.

All this led to the "deck the halls with boughs of holly" sort of atti-

tude, which was such a cheery thought that you know somebody'd be against it. The archbishop said it was an infidel, Druid gimmick, and cut it out. Fortunately he couldn't make this prejudice stick.—WM J BARKER, *Empire Mag.*

CURIOSITY—11

The things we don't know are innumerable large. We can discover them and I believe we will—if we aren't afraid to keep on asking questions.—CHAS F KETTERING, "Keep on Asking Questions," *Together*, 12-'58.

DEPENDENCE—on Others—12

Nothing in the universe reaches its perfection without some dependence on or relation to the external. Not even the coal will give light and heat without 1st a fire being applied to it; even then it releases the energy the sun stored up in it centuries before. The grain of wheat will not send forth the green stalk without contact with the environment of another world than itself. Why then does man think his basic worries, fears and inner unhappiness can be cured by himself and within himself? The best violin and bow in the world will produce no harmonies without an outside hand endowed with talent.—Bishop FULTON J SHEEN, "The Road to Better Living," syndicated col.

DRINK—Drinking—13

From the masses we get the moderate drinkers, from the moderate drinkers we get the problem drinkers; from the problem drinkers we get the alcoholics; and from the alcoholics we get neglected children and broken homes. The only safe guarantee against alcoholism is total abstinence.—*Survey Bulletin*.

EDUCATION—14

Education is the process of transforming an impulsive, self-centered little animal into a civilized adult who can think with the symbols of language and can thereby develop the ability to subordinate his animal impulses, habits, and immediate ends to long-range personal and social ends.—EUGENE H SLOANE, "Will Power," *Wisdom*, 27th Issue.

EGGHEADS—Value of—15

A juggler can get us in front of a tv screen.

A movie queen can get us out to the drive-in.

A split-T football coach can get us to the Rose Bowl.

But an egghead can get us to the moon.

And we're behind schedule.—*Newsweek*.

FAITH—16

"Faith," said Prof Kirsopp Lake, "is not belief in spite of evidence, but life in scorn of consequences."

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Faith is trust in a fundamental meaningfulness which is not wholly proved and presumably will not be wholly proved in our finite existence, but which makes more sense out of our puzzling world than does any conceivable alternative. Instead of denying evidence, faith seeks to bring the available evidence into a meaningful pattern. It is a major conviction which can bring order to nearly all of the minor and fragmentary convictions.—ELTON TRUEBLOOD, "A Faith for Scientists," *Presbyterian Life*, 11-1-'58.

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New Year's Day at the White House

THOS JEFFERSON, our 3rd president, was apparently 1st to open the doors of the White House to the people of Washington on New Year's Day.

Following is a newspaper acc't of Pres Jefferson's reception in the yr 1804:

About 12 o'clock the President was waited upon by the heads of departments and other officers, civil and military, for'gn diplomatic characters, strangers of distinction, the Cherokee chiefs at present on a mission to the seat of gov't, and most of the respectable citizens of Washington and Georgetown. Some time after the company had assembled, Col Burrows, at the head of the Marine Corps, saluted the President while the band of music played the President's march, went thru the usual evolutions in a masterly manner, fired 16 rounds in platoons and concluded with a gen'l *jeu-de-joie*. The band at intervals during the morning played martial and military airs.

After partaking of the abundant refreshments that were distributed, and enjoying pleasure which may be truly said to have been without alloy, the company separated about 2 o'clock, and betook themselves to the various places of entertainment provided for the celebration of this festive occasion.

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FEAR—17

Even if it were possible to bury our fears they would crawl out and help us fill up the hole.—DOUGLAS MEADOR, *Matador (Tex) Tribune*.

GIFTS—Giving—18

The perfect gift to give a woman is something she can exchange the very next day. — *North Vernon (Ind) Sun*.

GOOD—Evil—19

In the final analysis, the world conflict is simply a war between good and evil.—LIN YUTANG, *The Secret Name* (Farrar, Straus & Cudahy).

GRATITUDE—20

Gratitude is the memory of homage of the heart.—*Defender*.

HEALTH—21

There is no question that excessive cigaret smoking is a cause of lung cancer. We have put filters on our cigarets. But where are the filters on our buses and trucks? Where are the filters on the chimneys of our steel mills and chemical plants? Many cancer causes have come with civilization. — DR CHAS B HUGGINS, director of research, Ben Bay Lab'y for Cancer Research, Chicago, addressing American Cancer Society meeting in Cleveland.

HEALTH—Mental—22

A psychiatrist is a man who doesn't have to worry, so long as others do. — *American Medical Ass'n Jnl*.

HUMAN RELATIONS—23

It is the misuse of human power which we have most to fear.—FRANK FREMONT-SMITH, M D, *Children*.

.....pathways to the past.....



Dec 28—Childermas (Feast of the Holy Innocents). . . 250th anniv (1708) b of Chas Wesley (brother of John, founder of the Methodist Church), English Methodist preacher famous for his hymns.

Dec 29—150th anniv (1808) b of Andrew Johnson, 17th pres of U S. (The only president ever impeached. This action resulted chiefly from his disregard of the Tenure of Office Act, which he regarded as unconstitutional. Conviction failed by one vote.) . . . 110 yrs ago (1848) 1st gaslights installed in White House. (The installation was witnessed with considerable awe by Pres Polk and the entire domestic staff.) . . . 45th anniv (1913) of 1st motion picture "serial". (*Adventures of Kathlyn* was shown in 13 wky installments.)

Dec 30—105 yrs ago (1853) Gadsden purchase ratified by U S and Mexico. (Under terms of this agreement Mexico sold U S territory now embracing New Mexico and Arizona.) . . . 55th anniv (1903) Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago, in which 600 persons lost their lives. This tragedy led to safety reforms in public bldgs.

Dec 31—Feast of St Sylvester. . . *Hogmanay* (last day of the yr). . . 220th anniv (1738) b of Lord Cornwallis, British gen'l. (Remembered in U S chiefly for his surrender at Yorktown, Cornwallis was indeed one of the ablest of British gen'l's in the Revolutionary War. Subse-

quently he became a brilliant gov gen'l of India and a lord-lieutenant of Ireland.)

Jan 1—New Year's Day. . . 475th anniv (1484) b of Ulrich Zwingli, a contemporary of Martin Luther and leader of the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland. . . 155 yrs ago (1804) Thos Jefferson, the 1st Democratic president, formed the policy of opening the White House to the public at the beginning of a new yr (see GEM BOX). . . 130th anniv (1829) b of Tommaso Selvini, Italian tragedian, famed for his interpretations of *Hamlet* and *Othello*. . . 105th anniv (1854) b of Sir Jas Geo Frazer, Scottish anthropologist; authority on folklore; author of *The Golden Bough*. . . 70th anniv (1889) *Tournament of Roses*, Pasadena, Cal. (It was originally called "The Battle of Flowers" and sponsored by Valley Hunt Club, with amateur sport contests in the afternoon. Football was introduced in 1902.)

Jan 2—100 yrs ago (1859) *The Dime Book of Practical Etiquette*, published by Erastus F Beadle. Its popularity proved that even our hardy ancestors were concerned with manners.

Jan 3 — Feast of St Genevieve, patron saint of Paris.

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INDUSTRY—Production—24

To continue our present rate of improvement in living standards for our booming population, industrialist Henry B du Pont calculates that the productivity of the average American worker will have to double by 1978.—*Execs' Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—25

Juvenile delinquency is the result of parents trying to train children without starting at the bottom.—**G G KINVIN, Tit-Bits, London.**

LANGUAGE—26

Language is something more than being able to speak aloud. Language is a link between a people and their past; it is their universal means of expression in the present, much of their capacity to design for the future. Language reflects a people's character, that particular way in which they look at life and the manner in which they live it. Language reveals their individuality and identity. Whether one's own or another's, language is valuable. Unlike the gold in Fort Knox, it must be not only treasured but must be kept shining and in circulation.—**CAROL DENISON, Modern Language Jnl.**

LIFE—Living—27

The fullest possible employment of one's faculties is what makes for strength of body, of character, of spirit, of intellect. Non-use of faculties leads to atrophy. There is a story of a wild duck that joined a domestic flock and was fed, but later couldn't fly above the barn.

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This and similar stories of nature attest to principles of biology which are as applicable to persons who won't use reason as they are to animals which haven't the faculty of reason.—**LEONARD E READ, "Victims of Social Leveling," The Freeman.**

MIND—28

If we had any meters which could record the movements of our minds as we have meters to clock our taxicabs, we would find they keep running every waking moment. . . Sometimes our inner thoughts eventually affect our facial expression. When Gilbert Stuart, the experienced painter of portraits, met Talleyrand, the wily French politician, he is reported to have said: "If that man is not a scoundrel, God does not write a legible hand."—**RALPH W SOCKMAN, "Our Secret Ballots," Arkansas Methodist, 11-6-'58.**

MODERN AGE—29

Mothers of the washboard era were not as fagged out as are mothers of this automatic-washing-machine era. The modern woman in her home is wife, mother, club-woman, den mother, charity worker volunteer; and she is forever hauling the kids someplace. —**DR LEONARD L LOVSHIN, Cleveland Clinic**, addressing a meeting of **Interstate Post-Graduate Medical Ass'n.**

MUSIC—30

Even in the face of today's rising prices, music remains an uncomplicated luxury for the entire family. It is a child's rightful heritage within reach of almost everyone. I don't believe a home can be happy without some evidence of music.—**ANDRE KOSTELANETZ, "Children Can Love Music," Together, 12-'58.**



Tempo of the Times

The Church Information Service, a Washington organization reporting to various denominations on legislative and kindred issues relating to organized religion, some time ago asked the Internal Revenue Service for a ruling as to whether churches might risk their tax-exempt status if they opened their doors to private school pupils in communities where public schools are closed to thwart integration.

In the Oct 31 issue of its *Washington Religious Report*, CIS stated that the Internal Revenue Service had answered affirmatively; churches might indeed risk their tax-exempt status by adopting such a course. A spokesman added, however, that no case involving the tax status of a church in such a situation has yet come up for a ruling.

The question is no longer academic since 55 churches in Little Rock, Ark, and 3 in Virginia cities have either provided or offered facilities for private schools. In some cases these proffers have been made by church bds opposing segregation, merely as a transient solution, in an effort to educate children locked out of their classrooms. Tax officials, however, emphasize that a church's motive has no bearing on its tax status. Such status would come into question "if the activities of a church in non-religious fields, such as education, were of such a nature that its primary purpose ceased to be religious."

There has been wide comment

on the issue in public prints. *The Washington Post-Times Herald* in a recent editorial brings out the point that schools as well as churches are exempt from Fed'l taxes, and no corporation of any character would be subject to a tax so long as it made no profit. "The question of whether churches should make their bldgs available to private schools . . . involves difficult policy and moral issues," concludes the editorial, "but the idea that the Fed'l Gov't might intervene with a tax club appears to be wholly fanciful."

At the Conference on Air Pollution held in Washington a fortnight ago, several speakers linked air pollution and cancer in urging that action be taken before irreparable damage is done.

Out of the conf also came a new word, "smout." This term denotes smog plus radioactive fallout.

Atmospheric hazards, plus such man-made complications as industrial smoke and auto exhausts, are perilous enough, but when we add the noxious spore of nuclear tests we are, in the words of a conf speaker, "paying . . . a burnt offering to the gods of progress."

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NATURE—31

The assumption that nature has been tamed is still an arrogant one.—Rev JOHN P LEARY, quoted in *Capsuled Comments*.

OBSTACLES—32

Don't be afraid to stumble. Any inventor will tell you that you don't follow a plan far before you strike a snag. If, out of 100 ideas, you get one that works, it's enough.—CHAS F KETTERING, "Keep on Asking Questions," *Together*, 12-'58.

OPINION—33

The differences among Americans over Fed'l aid to education, recognition of Communist China, segregation and corp'n taxes are less basic than an agreement on the means for solving these disputes . . . parliamentary democracy is founded on the forgiveness of sins. We reunite today with those whom we opposed yesterday.—WM LEE MILLER, *Protestant & Politics*, (Layman's Theological Library; Westminster Press).

OPTIMISM—Pessimism—34

An optimist is a grown man who decides to take up ice skating again, with a bottle on his hip.—*Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

RACE RELATIONS—35

This attempt by official pressure to destroy the color line has made it tighter. No longer exists what an ante-bellum traveler called "the close cohabitation and ass'n of black and white"; no longer do white men in appreciable numbers indulge in miscegenation; no longer, as in ante-bellum days, do the 2 races go to the same church. In

the newer sections of the (southern) cities residential segregation is so complete that it is possible for a white person to pass yrs without contact with a single Negro.—FRANCIS B SIMKINS, Prof of History, Longwood College, "Unchanging White Supremacy," *Current History*, 11-'58.

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The problem of race relations is simply one aspect of the whole problem of human relations. If we would have happy race relations, we must have happy human relations, and if we would have happy human relations, we must have a society based on human relations.—ASHLEY MONTAGU, *Education and Human Relations* (Grove Press).

RELIGION—36

There is one race I wish we would get more excited about—the race for souls. When American history is read in the light of eternity, this is the one race we will wish we had won more than all the others.—Dr EDW SIMPSON, dean of Buffalo Bible Inst, *Alliance Witness*.

RUSSIA—Russians—37

Moscow is reported to have developed a machine to destroy fatigue and enable people to get along with 2 hrs sleep out of 24. Why anyone in Russia would want to stay awake that much isn't explained.—*York Trade Compositor*, hm, York Composition Co, Inc.

SECURITY—38

Security may be a good thing for some, but there still are people who do their best work when they "run scared." — *Property*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

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SEXES—39

The trouble with women in business, according to one Detroit businessman, is that if you treat 'em like men, they cry; and if you treat 'em like women, darned if they don't get the best of you.—BARBARA WILLIAMS, *Detroit News*.

SPACE AGE—40

A psychologist says space explorers will stand the boredom of their trips if they take their wives along. At least that would give them something to blame it on.—*Changing Times*.

UNDERSTANDING—41

Soon after atomic fission became a reality and nuclear bomb destruction a dreaded possibility, an eminent atomic scientist, Dr J Robert Oppenheimer, summed up an eloquent plea for funds for widespread exchange of students between different nations: "The best way to send an idea is to wrap it up in a person."—DAVID A MACLENNAN, "Priming the Preacher's Pump," *Church Mgt*, 11-'58.

VALUES—42

The trouble with most Americans is not that they have no values but that they have too many values of the wrong kind.—ASHLEY MONTAGU, *Education and Human Relations* (Grove Press).

VIEWPOINT—43

Dan Crawford, famous missionary, says in his fascinating book, *Thinking Back*, that "to see the advantage of a disadvantageous situation is worth more than an income of 10,000 pounds a yr." The man or woman who cultivates the habit of looking on the bright side of things, who looks for something good in a seeming ill, will certainly

be rich in joy and peace, however disadvantageous their mat'l position.—ARTHUR HEDLEY, "Face the Sunshine," *Watchman-Examiner*, 11-13-'58.

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Consider the Santas,
The kind that you meet
On curbstone and corner
Of alley and street;
The fat ones and slim ones,
The tall and the short
And other examples
Of nondescript sort.
The purpose they're serving
May merit applause
But they certainly libel
The real Santa Claus.
And when you're downtown
And your youngster's with you,
What a lot of explaining
They cause you to do!—*Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co.

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VIRTUE—45

Why do we always refer to it as "old-fashioned" virtue, as tho it were something that ever had an expiration date? — BILL VAUGHN, *V F W Mag*.

WOMEN—Money—46

The Institute of Life Insurance estimates that almost 80% of all the lump-sum insurance settlements paid to widows is dissipated; spent before the yr is out. . . Far too many women are content to remain silent partners and 2nd class citizens when it comes to family finance; mostly because of inertia. — DONALD I ROGERS, business editor, *N Y Herald-Tribune*.

Quote

GOOD STORIES you can use...



A grass widower of our acquaintance whose life has become somewhat disorganized pulled himself together a few weeks ago and hired a part-time maid, instructing her, among other things, to let him know when she needed any household supplies in order to carry out her mission of keeping his apt spick-and-span. Walking into the place early on a recent morning, he snapped on the light in the kitchen, intending to get a glass of milk, and got, instead, something of a shock when he found the following legend pasted on the icebox door with Scotch Tape: "The Tide Is Out."—*New Yorker.*

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Our latest favorite space man is the sensitive chap who descended on N Y recently and came face-to-face with a piano in a store window.

"Okay, you!" he snarled. "Wipe that nasty smile off your face!"—*E E Kenyon, American Wkly.*

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A sermon on the benevolence of the Lord didn't fall on deaf ears last Sunday in one church. As the collection plate was being passed, one little pre-school tyke reached in and took a handful of coins. As his shocked mother tried to get him to put the cash back, he cried out: "But it's my money! God gave it to me!"—*Western Nebraska Observer.*

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I Laughed At This One

JIMMY BANKS

Our little girl, Janet, was quite disturbed over one of her kindergarten classmates who said he did not believe in Santa Claus. For several days she and the other children argued with him until finally he said, "Okay, I give up. I believe!"

The next day, however, Janet came home and began telling us about renewed efforts to get her little friend "straightened out" on the Santa Claus subject.

"But I thought," her mother remarked, "that you already had him straightened out."

"We did," Janet replied, "but he got crooked again."

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Tho a deeply religious person, the football coach also was something of a realist. Before the big game against his rough, tough, traditional rival, he gathered his squad around him and warned them about the rough stuff the opponents would throw at them.

"Now, fellers," he said, "the Good Book tells us that if an enemy smacks you on the cheek, that's all right. Turn your other cheek. And if the opponents smack that cheek too, it's still all right. But, gentlemen, the third lick—the third lick, I say belongs to you!"—*Scholastic Coach.*

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.....*Quote*-able QUIPS.....

A London dep't store decided to honor its millionth customer. She was embraced by the store's managing director, interviewed on TV and loaded down with free merchandise.

She then proceeded on to her original destination—the Complaint Desk.—JOAN PARSONS, *Coronet*. *e*

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Bishop A Raymond Grant of Portland, Ore, told about the Texan who sent an 8 lb cucumber to the editor of an Alaska newspaper. "The big ones are too heavy," he apologized, "but I thought you would like to see a Texas gherkin." In a few days the editor repl'd with a 40 lb cabbage. "The same is true of our cabbages," he wrote, "but I thought you'd like to see an Alaska brussels sprout!"—*Together*. *f*

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A mother, annoyed because her 14-yr-old daughter had been calling her boy friend too frequently, took a tip from a former wartime advertisement and posted a sign over the telephone: "Is This Call Necessary?"

Next day there appeared, pencilled on the card, a brief but logical reply: "How Can I Tell Till I've Made It?"—*Arkansas Baptist*. *g*

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A 1st-grader drew a picture of a stagecoach, which was well done except that it lacked wheels.

"Oh, it's wonderful," said the teacher. "But I see no wheels. What holds it up?"

Repl'd the little artist: "Bad men."—*St Paul Pioneer Press*. *h*

In spite of all that is said about Christmas ties, they do a lot for some men—haberdashers. — VESTA M KELLY.

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To meet the challenge of hard times a Frenchman changes his gov't, an Englishman votes new taxes, the Russian switches his propaganda line, but an American just trades in his old car on a new model. —HAROLD COFFIN.

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If the 5-hr work week ever arrives, some employees will probably complain that it makes an awfully long morning. —KEN KRAFT.

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If at first you succeed, you probably haven't accomplished much. —REX MOBLEY.

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Anybody who thinks people are not on their toes these days must find it difficult to explain the disappearance of the 2-pants suit. —FRANKLIN P JONES.

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An old-timer is one who can remember when a man had a private income. —FRANCES RODMAN.

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A primitive country is one that has no taxes to handle juvenile delinquency, in case they get civilized enough to achieve it. —PAT KRAFT.

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Then there was the good little girl who had been saying "no" so long that she almost loused up her wedding ceremony. —D O FLYNN.

Quote

First Dog: "I feel so poorly lately —tired all the time."

Second Dog: "Have you thought of going to a psychiatrist?"

First Dog: "Heavens, no! I am not allowed on couches." —*Supervision.*

"The weather here in Florida is so wonderful," said the old lady, "how do you tell summer from winter?"

Repl'd the hotel clerk, "In winter we get Cadillacs, Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In summer we get Chevrolets, Fords and stuffed shorts." — *Automotive Service Digest.*

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light armour

Richard Armour



No Cutting Remarks

Barbers are being taught to keep from talking to their customers.—News item.

At barber college barbers learn
To be reserved and taciturn.
In clipping classes brought together
They're taught to clam up on the
weather
And never in the slightest mix
Their tonsuring and politics.

How is it managed? Well, I hear
The toughest is the freshman year,
When a would-be barber, fresh and
young,
Must wear a padlock on his tongue
And feel the master barber's whip
If he by chance unloose the lip.

By senior year, the barber's trained.
What self-control the lad has
gained.
And then he graduates, unless
He flunks the course. If so, I guess,
With flapping tongue and ceaseless
 gab,
He'll have to drive a taxicab.

I was rather busy outside Basle
station following a slight collision
between our "special" and a local
train, when a pretty, fair girl came
up and said: "I can stop all future
railway accidents, you know."

Puzzled, I asked to be told more,
so she proceeded enthusiastically:
"All accidents happen to either the
front or the back coaches of a
train, don't they?" I repl'd that
mostly they did and she then ex-
citedly concluded with: "Very well
then! All one has to do is to take
the front and back coaches off ev-
ery train, and there would be no
more accidents."

I nearly fell over with astonish-
ment and to this day I don't know
whether she was just a dumb
blonde or was merely pulling my
leg.—*A CONTINENTAL COURIER, "Ups
and Downs of a Courier's Life,"
Tit-Bits, London, 8-9-58.*

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"How's business, old boy?" asked
one business man of another.

"Picking up a little, I'm glad to
say. As a matter of fact, one of our
salesmen came in last wk with a
5,000 order."

"I don't believe it."

"It's true. I can show you the
cancellation that arrived yester-
day." — *Illustrated Wkly of India,*
Bombay.

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Deeply disturbed by the prevalence of juvenile delinquency in his community, a certain writer was moved to present the situation in these stinging sentences: "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers." These are the words of SOCRATES, written in the 5th century before Christ.

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CLASS MATTER

SECOND

Edited by Alice Jacobs



According to Westinghouse Electric Corp'n, "Electroluminescence—the light of the future—is here today." Westinghouse is introducing a new flat "light bulb" which burns all day and night, yr round, on less than 1 cent's worth of electricity. The luminescent panel (phosphor-coated glass wafer that glows when current flows thru) is enclosed in a plastic frame, plugs into any wall outlet as a safety or night light. The safety light, which is about the size of a cigaret pack, has no filament, is glare free, has an almost

unlimited service life. About \$1.

A buttonless switch makes it easy to turn lights on or off, even if you're carrying the baby, the laundry, and the groceries simultaneously. Touch the top half with your elbow to turn lights on; bottom half to turn them off. Switch comes in black or white frame with ivory plate, or with clear plate so you can back it with wallpaper or paint it to match walls. \$2.05 from Bryant, 1421 State, Bridgeport 2, Conn.

